

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act Conference Report.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5281–S5311*

**Measures Introduced:** Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2747–2748. **Page S5308**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 2046, to reauthorize the Next Generation Internet Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–310) **Page S5308**

**Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act—Conference Report:** By a unanimous vote of 87 yeas (Vote No. 133), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Beverly B. Martin, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Jay A. Garcia-Gregory, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

Laura Taylor Swain, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S5290**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Ruth Martha Thomas, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Allan I. Mendelowitz, of Connecticut, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2007.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Bruce A. Morrison, of Connecticut, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2007 (Reappointment), which was sent to the Senate on October 29, 1999.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Placed on Calendar:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—133) **Page S5289**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 12:34 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, June 19, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5281.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On Thursday, June 15, Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Johnnie B. Rawlinson, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; John W. Darrah, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; Paul C. Huck, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida; Joan Humphrey Lefkowitz, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; and George Z. Singal, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, after

the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Rawlinson was introduced by Senators Reid and Bryan, Mr. Darrah was introduced by Senators Fitzgerald and Durbin and Representative Hyde, Ms. Lefkow was introduced by Senators

Durbin and Fitzgerald, Mr. Huck was introduced by Senators Mack and Graham, and Mr. Singal was introduced by Senators Snowe and Collins and Representatives Baldacci and Allen.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, June 19.

### *Committee Meetings*

No Committee meetings were held.

### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D542)

H.R. 3293, to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service. Signed June 15, 2000. (P.L. 106-214)

H.R. 4489, to amend section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. Signed June 15, 2000. (P.L. 106-215)

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 19 through June 24, 2000

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 2549, Defense Authorization. Also on *Tuesday*, Senate will begin consideration of S. 2522, Foreign Operations Appropriations.

During the remainder of the week, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriations bills, when available.

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* June 20, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

June 21, Full Committee, with the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold joint hearings on S. 2697, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance

competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* June 21, to hold hearings to examine security failures at Los Alamos National Laboratory; to be followed by a closed hearing (SH-219), 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* June 20, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine proposals to promote affordable housing, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

June 21, Full Committee, with the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold joint hearings on S. 2697, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* June 21, to hold hearings to examine the proposed United-US Airways merger, focusing on its effect on competition in the industry, and the likelihood it would trigger further industry consolidation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* June 20, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

June 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

June 21, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 1848, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planing, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project; S. 1761, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conserve and enhance the water supplies of the Lower Rio Grande Valley; S. 2301, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Lakehaven water reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water; S. 2400, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; S. 2499, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Pennsylvania; and S. 2594, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of nonproject water for the purpose of

irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

June 22, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 1643, to authorize the addition of certain parcels to the Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa; and S. 2547, to provide for the establishment of the Great Sand Dunes National Park and the Great Sand Dunes National Preserve in the State of Colorado, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* June 21, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold hearings on S. 1787, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve water quality on abandoned or inactive mined land, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* June 20, Subcommittee on International Trade, to hold hearings on to examine issues dealing with the World Trade Organization, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* June 20, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with the Philippines, 10 a.m., SD-419.

June 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Owen James Sheaks, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be an Assistant Secretary of State, 3 p.m., SD-419.

June 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11 a.m., SD-419.

June 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 4:30 p.m., SD-419.

June 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Rust Macpherson Deming, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia; Mary Ann Peters, of California, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh; Janet A. Sanderson, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria; and E. Ashley Wills, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, 10 a.m., SD-419.

June 22, Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings to examine the role of security in the Department of State foreign service promotion process, 3 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* June 20, to hold hearings on the overview of Federal service programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* June 21, business meeting to consider S. 1148, to provide for the Yankton Sioux Tribe and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska certain benefits of the Missouri River Basin Pick-Sloan project; and S. 1658, to authorize the construction of a Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota; to be followed by a hearing on Indian Trust Resolution Corporation, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* June 20, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to resume hearings on issues relating to the 1996 campaign finance investigation, 2 p.m., SD-226.

June 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on improving the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, 10 a.m., SD-226.

June 21, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to resume oversight hearings to examine the 1996 campaign finance investigations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

June 22, Full Committee, business meeting to markup S. 2448, to enhance the protections of the Internet and the critical infrastructure of the United States; S. 353, to provide for class action reform, and the proposed Violence Against Women Act, 10 a.m., SD-226.

June 22, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold hearings on the threat of fugitives to safety, law, and order, 2 p.m., SD-226.

## House Chamber

To be announced.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* June 21, hearing to review the USDA's export and market promotion programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

June 22, Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops, to consider H.R. 4521, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* June 20, to mark up the Energy and Water Development appropriations for fiscal year 2001, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

June 20, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2001, following full Committee meeting, H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* June 21, hearing on the strategic intentions and goals of China, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

June 22, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the adequacy of the U.S. Navy submarine force structure and modernization plans, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

June 22, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on the technical status of the National Missile Defense program, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* June 20, hearing on Internet Gambling and H.R. 4419, Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 21, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to continue hearings on improving regulation of housing Government Sponsored Enterprises, focusing on H.R. 3703, Housing Finance Regulatory Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 22, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Monetary Stability in Latin America: Is Dollarization the Answer? 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* June 22, Defense and International Relations Task Force, hearing on TRICARE

Claims Processing: Why Does It Cost So Much? 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce*, June 22, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled: "DOE's Fixed-Price Cleanup Contracts: Why are Costs Still Out of Control?" 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

June 22, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 4445, Reciprocal Compensation Adjustment Act of 2000, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

June 23, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing to examine the status of the Department of Energy program to develop a permanent geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, June 21, to mark up H.R. 3462, Wealth Through the Workplace Act of 1999, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

June 22, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on OSHA's Compliance Directive on Bloodborne Pathogens and the Prevention of Needlestick Injuries, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, June 21, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on Force Protection: Current Individual Protective Equipment, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

June 22, Subcommittee on the Census, oversight hearing of the "2000 Census: Status of Non-Response Followup and Close Out," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

June 22, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing entitled: "H.R. 4246, Cyber Security Information Act of 2000: An Examination of Issues Involving Public-Private Partnerships for Critical Infrastructures," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 23, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Combating Money Laundering Worldwide, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, June 21, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on International Trade and the Environment, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

June 22, full Committee, to continue oversight hearings on the State Department, Part IV: Technology Modernization and Computer Security, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, June 20, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 4167, Innocence Protection Act of 2000, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 21, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3380, Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act of 1999; H.R. 3485, Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act; H.R. 1349, Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act of 1999; H.R. 1248, Violence Against Women Act; H.R. 3918, Immigration Reorganization and Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 4194, Small Business Merger Fee Reduction Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 23, to continue oversight hearings on "The State of Competition in the Airline Industry: Part 2, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, June 20, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 415, expressing the sense of the

House of Representatives that there should be established a National Ocean Day to recognize the significant role the ocean plays in the lives of the Nation's people and the important role the Nation's people must play in the continued life of the ocean; S. 986, Griffith Project Prepayment and Conveyance Act; H.R. 1113, Colusa Basin Watershed Integrate Resources Management Act; H.R. 1142, Landowners Equal Treatment Act of 1999; S. 1275, Hoover Dam Miscellaneous Sales Act; H.R. 1787, Deschutes Resources Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 1999; H.R. 2348, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins; H.R. 2919, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Act; H.R. 2984, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey to the Loup Basin Reclamation District, the Sargent River Irrigation District, and the Farwell Irrigation District, Nebraska, property comprising the assets of the Middle Loup Division of the Missouri River Basin Project, Nebraska; H.R. 3160, Common Sense Protections for Endangered Species Act; H.R. 3241, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to recalculate the franchise fee owed by Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., a concessioner providing service to Fort Sumter National Monument in South Carolina; H.R. 3595, to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; H.R. 3661, General Aviation Access Act; H.R. 3676, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000; H.R. 3919, Coral Reef Conservation and Restoration Partnership Act of 2000; H.R. 4063, Rosie the Riveter-World War II Home Front National Historical Park Establishment of 2000; H.R. 4148, Tribal Contract Support Cost Technical Amendments of 2000; and H.R. 4389, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 20, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 415, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Ocean Day to recognize the significant role the ocean plays in the lives of the Nation's people and the important role the Nation's people must play in the continued life of the ocean; H.R. 4286, to provide for the establishment of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama; and H.R. 4442, National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act; followed by a hearing on H.R. 3407, Keystone Species Conservation Act and H.R. 4320, Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

June 22, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on an update on Forest Service Rulemakings and Regional Plans, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

June 22, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, June 19, to consider H.R. 4201, Noncommercial Broadcasting Freedom of Expression Act of 2000, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, June 20, to continue hearings on the Young Report, Part II, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

June 22, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on E-Commerce: A Review of Standards and Technology to Support Interoperability, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, June 21, hearing on Improving SBA's Office of Advocacy, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, June 20, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on FAA Implementation of the Aviation Medical Assistance Act of 1998

(should Defibrillators be required on aircraft and at airports), 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

June 22, Subcommittee on Ground Transportation, oversight hearing on the Department of Transportation's Proposed Hours of Service regulations for Motor Carriers, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, June 20, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on proposals for enhanced public disclosure relating to political activities of tax-exempt organizations, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, June 21, executive, to consider pending business, 12 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

1 p.m., Monday, June 19

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Monday, June 19

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 2549, Defense Authorization.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Consideration of H.R. 4635, VA, HUD Appropriations 2001 (open rule).



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